

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TO**  
**THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET**

The Town of Newmarket has been advised by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services that a mosquito, collected in Newmarket on September 14<sup>th</sup>, has tested positive for the Triple E virus. The mosquito was collected during the town's ongoing control program that is conducted by Municipal Pest Management. Mike Morrison, entomologist, has informed town officials that the mosquito that tested positive for Triple E is a Melanoma mosquito, which is a bird feeding species not known to feed on humans.

At this time, the recommendation from Mike Morrison is that the town continues to monitor the situation by collecting and testing mosquitoes on a weekly basis. Town wide spraying is not recommended, due to the time of year we are experiencing a natural decline in the mosquito population as a result of cooler temperatures. In order for a town wide street spray program to be effective temperatures must be above 65 degrees at night. If we have sustained temperatures above 65 degrees and the mosquito's population increases we will reevaluate the need for additional action.

The Town of Newmarket will continue to monitor the situation, testing mosquitoes on a weekly basis and we will continue to keep the residents informed during this threat to public health and safety.

We recommend that residents take protective measures to guard themselves and their families from mosquito's bites. The following preventive measures are suggested:

1. Use repellents
2. Dress appropriately with protective clothing
3. Mosquitoes are most active a half hour before sunrise and a half hour after sunset. Limiting your outside activity as much as possible during these hours will reduce your exposure to mosquitoes

The Town Council intends to commence the larvaciding program, with the funding approved at the May 2006 Town Meeting, early in the spring of 2007 and continue the weekly monitoring and testing program initiated this year as recommended by the entomologist in charge of our mosquito control program.